†मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आज़मी: सर, जो कमियां रही हैं सुरक्षा में मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि अभी बंगलौर में फर्जी हाइजेकिंग कराई गई और वह फर्जी हाइजेकिंग कामयाब रही है और एक मर्तबा जब यह आदत बिगड़ी तो फिर वह सुधरी नहीं है। मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि इस फर्जी हाइजेकिंग में वह कौन-कौन सी कमजोरियां थीं जिन कमजोरियों की वजह से फर्जी हाइजेकिंग कामयाब हुई और उन कमजोरियों के सुधार के क्या उपाय हो रहे हैं?

श्री शरद यादव: सभापति महोदय, मॉक ट्रॉयल हमने ही करवाया है और रिपोर्ट आएगी तो माननीय सदस्य को और पूरे सदन को इससे वाकिफ करा दिया जाएगा। जो बात सामने आएगी वह आपके सामने रख करके बता दिया जाएगा कि हमारी और कमियां क्या हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Concessions to Private Phone Companies under Migration package

*64. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the observation made by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) that Government failed to safeguard their own interest while giving concessions to private phone companies under migration package; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) A draft Audit Para titled "Package of concessions to existing Cellular and Basic Telephone Service Operators" was received on 28th October, 1999 from Director General of Audit, Post and Telecommunications.

(b) Government have not accepted the observations made in the Draft Audit Para and have indicated that the policy regarding migration of the existing licensees to the New Telecom Policy-1999 (NTP-99) regime of revenue sharing arrangement was formulated as a

† Transliteration of the speech in persian script is available in the Hindi version of the Debate.

result of informed and institutionalized decision in best public interest making pragmatic adjustments warranted by ground realities in relating to the Telecom Industry. The uniform application of NTP-99 all over the country would ensure growth of telecom sector by bringing in multipoly, better accessability and improved/cost effective service to customers and is important for achieving the objectives of New Telecom Policy.

Development of Karwar Port

*65. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as part of their larger scheme of privatising all small ports in the State, the Government of Karnataka has proposed for developing the Karwar Port through addition of two more berths in collaboration with the New Mangalore Port Trust; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the views of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Karnataka Government have proposed to develop the Minor port of Karwar through a Joint Venture with the Major Port of New Mangalore.

(b) The project estimated at Rs. 85.00 crores, *inter-alia*, involves extension of the existing cargo berth and construction of Nothern return berth at Karwar Port. The Major Port Trusts (Amendment) Bill, 1998, which seeks to enable the Major Ports to enter into Joint Venture Agreements is yet to be passed by both the Houses of Parliament. The proposal is not being processed pending amendment to the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963.